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SUBJECT: DUTCH AIR FORCE REACTS TO PRESS REPORT OF
DIMINISHED EUROPEAN SHARE OFF-16 CO-PRODUCTION FOR SALE TO
ISRAEL

1. USUALLY WELL INFORMED DUTCH NEWSPAPER "TROUW" CARRIED
WASHINGTON STORY JUNE 8 BY ITS DEFENSE SPECIALIST TO EFFECT
THAT PROJECTED SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 75 F-16 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
TO ISRAEL WOULD RESULT IN LESS THAN THE AGREED 15 PERCENT
EUROPEAN SHARE OF CO-PRODUCTION. "RELIABLE SOURCES" AT THE
PENTAGON WERE REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL F-16
CONTRACT DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER
COUNTRIES WOULD WANT A SHARE OF THE PRODUCTION THEMSELVES.
ISRAEL IS ASKING FOR A LARGE SHARE OF THE PRODUCTION, PERHAPS
50 PERCENT. A 1981 SALE TO SPAIN MIGHT REQUIRE A SIMILAR
ARRANGEMENT.

2. IN THE SAME ARTICLE, A DUTCH AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN IN THE
HAGUE IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE DUTCH "WILL NOT ACCEPT A
BREACH OF THE F-16 CONTRACT." THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NEW
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NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE FIVE PARTNERS WERE NECESSARY IF CHANGES
WERE TO BE MADE. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE EUROPEAN PARTNERS HAD
ALREADY BEEN INFORMED IN WASHINGTON OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS AND
THAT TALKS WOULD BE HELD. THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT
COOPERATION WITH THE US ON OTHER THIRD COUNTRY SALES HAS
GONE WELL.
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